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Re: U.S. Serial No. 10/612,012 filed July 03, 2003
Entitled "Isolated Human Protease Proteins, Nucleic Acid Molecules Encoding
Human Protease Proteins, And Uses Thereof"
Atty. Docket No.: CL000968DIV2

Please find attached a response to the Office Action (Restriction Requirement) mailed on November 30, 2005 along with a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified application.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Karl GUEGLER et al.

Serial No.: 10/612,012

Art Unit: 1652

Filed: July 3, 2003

Examiner: Delia Ramirez

For: ISOLATED HUMAN PROTEASE PROTEINS,
NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING
HUMAN PROTEASE PROTEINS, AND USES
THEREOF

Atty. Docket: CL000968DIV2

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

By Facsimile

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action mailed on November 30, 2005 from Examiner Ramirez in which a restriction requirement was issued for the above-referenced application.

By way of response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, drawn to an antibody.

Applicants have canceled claims corresponding to the non-elected Groups II-V

Please amend the application as follows: